(d) The Government of India takes a number of measures for export promotion under the Foreign Trade Policy, which *inter-alia* include the following:-

1. Assistance to States for developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE)
2. Market Access Initiative (MAI)
3. Marketing Development Assistance (MDA)
4. Meeting expenses for trade related matters.
5. Reorganization of towns of export excellence and assistance to exporters.
6. Brand Promotion.
7. Modernization and up gradation of Test Houses.

Changes in Exim Policy Regarding food stuff

†2372. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any changes have been made in the Exim Policy regarding food stuff;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether a proposal to make changes in it is under consideration keeping in view the interests of Indian farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) A new scheme called the Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana (Special Agricultural Produce Scheme) was announced on 31.8.2004 with an objective to promote export of fruits, vegetables, flowers, minor forest produce, dairy, poultry and their value added products. The details of the scheme are available in Chapter III of the Foreign Trade Policy 2004-2009, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

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